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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Henry A. Kissinger
Ambassador Franz Krapf, FRG Permanent
Representative to North Atlantic Council
Helmut Sonnenfeldt *HS*

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PLACE: San Clemente

Kissinger: I wanted to talk to you briefly before meeting with the NATO Council. This is in regard to the US-Soviet agreement on Prevention of Nuclear War. In Brussels you referred to your "shock". We have two problems. One relates to consultations and the other to the credibility of the deterrent. On the consultation I suggest that you check with your Chancellor's office.

Krapf: Yes, but what about the credibility of the deterrent?

Kissinger: You know the only people who can undermine the credibility of the deterrent are the NATO Perm Reps.

Krapf: Well really Perhaps the word "shock" was too strong. It sort of slipped out of my mouth.

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Kissinger: We want to avoid a debate on/German concerns were listened to in the negotiation of the agreement so I suggest that you discuss this with the Chancellor's office.

Krapf: Who would that be, Bahr?

Kissinger: Yes, you can discuss it with him. Now on the substance you can of course raise any issue in the discussion.

Krapf: Yes, good, I do have a series of questions but I will say nothing specifically about consultations.

Kissinger: Good.

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